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A well-recommended astringent cream is made from four ounces of mutton tallow, one and a quarter ounces of glycerin, one-half a dram of tincture of benzoin, a quarter of a dram of spirits of camphor, one-eighth of a dram of powdered alum, one-quarter of a dram of Russian isinglass and one-half an ounce of rose water. The rose water is warmed in a china cup set in hot water and the isinglass is dissolved in it. The mutton tallow, which has previously been tried out at a gentle heat and added to the glycerin, is then blended with the rose water, and the other ingredients are added while the mixture is being beaten. This makes a cream which is astringent, tightening the skin, without allowing it to become flabby, as often happens when one is reducing flesh.

**Receding Gums.**  
Good teeth are requisite for both health and good looks. Go to a dentist and have the tartar removed from under and around the gums, then use table salt on the gums several times a day. Scrub the teeth downward, never crosswise. The teeth should be cleaned before breakfast, after each meal and before retiring.

**For a Slight Scar.**  
Spirits of camphor, touching the skin with it twice a day, will sometimes eradicate the spots left from pimples. The liquid should be gently rubbed in.

**Excessive Perspiration.**  
Sponge off the parts affected at least once a day with boric acid; use 20 parts of hot water to one of acid. Also dust the face and neck and wherever it is necessary with a dry boracic powder.

**To Overcome Odorous Perspiration.**  
When bathing put a few drops of ammonia in the water, dry the skin

well and dust with the following powder: Oleate of zinc, ½ ounce; powdered starch, 1 ounce; salicylic acid, 1 scruple.

**For Chapped Lips.**  
To prevent the chapped lips that so frequently result from the high winds try rubbing the lips each time before going out with rose water and glycerin, mixed in the proportion of two parts of the former to one of the latter.

**For the Feet.**  
No. 1—Wash the feet in warm water to which a little hydrochloric acid or chloride of lime has been added.

No. 2—Bathe the feet often in a strong solution of borax or in common kitchen soda dissolved in water. Change the hosiery every day.

**To Remove Corns.**  
Salicylic acid, 1 dram; trim the corn with a very sharp knife or razor blade. Apply the acid; cover with a piece of court plaster. In three days remove the plaster and the corn will come with it. Soft corns may be cured by wrapping the afflicted toe with a soft linen rag which has been saturated with turpentine, night and morning. Care should be taken to wear shoes sufficiently wide but not too large.

*Julia Bottomly*

## Breakfast Linen.

Colored breakfast linen is in favor. Square cloths which hang only a few inches over the edge of the table and small napkins, about 14 inches square, are either of colored linen or else are bordered with color. Some in sets show border wreaths of red roses, some show red roses with bright green leaves. They suggest breakfast sets of English china with its gay colors and stiff figures. The all-colored sets show pink, blue or yellow flowers on tan or gray linen.

## Slim Lines and Gorgeous Fabrics



Dinner and evening gowns, perhaps as the result of a reaction after the restraint of war times, have swung to the other extreme and are as elaborate as ingenuity can make them, and rich beyond anything that has gone before for many a year. Cloth of gold and silver, satins with gold or silver figures scattered over their surfaces, brocades, rich embroideries studded with jewels, laces and nets that are a mass of twinkling sequins, fringes of all kinds, and always more gold and silver cloth, entice those who are looking for regal things to choose from. Metallic threads are woven in with silk in all the lovely evening shades so that rose and silver, turquoise and gold, blue and silver make wonderful shimmering cloths. Wherever fashionables forget that there will be much glittering this winter.

And these rich fabrics are not monopolized by the full-fledged women of society. The younger set is allowed them as the foundation for frocks, usually veiled with tulle. Artificial flowers deck out pretty dance frocks and sparkling bands of sequins in all colors are used on tulle to match in color. For older women ostrich plumes enrich gowns where one might look for flowers, and are used in the evening

coiffure and in the most splendid of fans.

A lovely example of a sequin-covered gown for evening appears at the right of the two pictured above. It is a combination of white and black, in which these glittering fabrics are at their best. This gown has long and almost straight lines and the skirt shows the disposition to grow shorter which is making itself felt. It is shortened at the front. A tuft of ostrich feathers at the left side in black and a big fan of black ostrich find themselves in a perfect setting. A wonderful Spanish comb makes a simple coiffure, impressive and in keeping with the gown.

But not everyone cares for so much glitter even for evening wear. At the left is a less pretentious gown that is dignified and beautiful. Black satin, georgette crepe and beaded bands of jet are put together in a composition that can hardly be improved upon—its lines are classic. Three-quarter length sleeves and a draped skirt (that is unusually long) take cognizance of the mode.

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